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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HILICKI ET AL.

Examiner

Mark T. Henderson

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8,10-33,35, 37, 39-58,60,61,63 and 65-68 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8,10-33,35-37,39-58,60,61,63 and 65-68 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/3/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED OFFICE ACTION

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1. Applicant request reconsideration on the claims rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-6, 8, 10-33, 35-37, 39-58, 60, 61, 63, 65-68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

2. In Claims 1 and 44, it is not understood how an image can be “displayed in at least one or more of said one or more coin receivable apertures”, without the aperture being covered on one surface or side of the cover. Applicant must further disclose what is supporting the “image” indicia. If there is a “support means” which holds the image in the aperture and further covers the aperture, then the aperture is actually a “recess” or “pocket” not an “aperture”.

3. In Claim 33, which is dependent from Claim 1, it is not understood how “one or more apertures” can be located on an “interior” side of at least one of the book covers if the “apertures” are located on “the exterior” of the book covers as stated in Claim 1, lines 6 and 7.

4. In Claim 58, which is dependent from Claim 44, it is not understood how “one or more apertures” can be located on an “interior” side of at least one of the book covers if the “apertures” are located on “the exterior” of the book covers as stated in Claim 44, lines 6 and 7.

5. Claims 1 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted elements are: the structural means which holds the displayed image in the aperture.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

6. Claims 1-6, 8, 10-33, 35, 37, 40-58, 60, 61, 63, 65-68 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 80, 81, 83-85, 87-89 of copending Application No. 10/273,898 in view of Pliler et al and further in view of Miller et al.

Both applications disclose a book having a theme and capable of displaying one or more coins; a first book cover; a second book cover joined to the first book cover; a plurality of sheets fastened together bound to book cover; a cap (or coin replica) insertable into and removable from the coin-receivable aperture, which can be located on the exterior of the book cover; and wherein the cap displays an image related to the theme.

However, Hilicki et al et al ('898) does not disclose: wherein an image related to the book theme is displayed in the coin receivable aperture; and wherein the book theme is displayed on at least one of the book covers; a book theme relating to a geographic region, province, or a group of countries, or a fictional/non-fictional story; wherein one of the covers is made from card stock; and a cap with an image related to an image of a coin, a flag, flower, capitol and bird.

Hunt discloses in Fig. 1-4, a cover (26) comprising apertures (20) defined on the exterior and interior side of the covers (26, seen in Fig. 4), wherein an image (22, hologram as stated in Col. 3, lines 10-13) related to the book is displayed in the aperture (20).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Hilicki et al et al's book with an aperture defined on the exterior of the book cover having a displayed image as taught by Hunt for the purpose of displaying additional information in regards to the book.

However, Hilicki et al et al as modified by Plier does not disclose: a book theme relating to a geographic region, province, or a group of countries, or a fictional/non-fictional story; wherein one of the covers is made from card stock; and a cap with an image related to an image of a coin, a flag, flower, capitol and bird.

Miller discloses in Fig. 1-5, a book comprising a first book cover (A) having apertures (C) for receiving coins (caps) in which the diameter of the aperture is substantially equal to that of the coin, and wherein the book theme relates to a geographic region and is displayed on one of the covers (D in Fig. 2) and in the apertures (Fig. 1). The method of generating a book is also inherently taught by Miller et al.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Hilicki et al et al's and Hunt's book with an aperture defined having an image related to the theme displayed in the coin receivable aperture as taught by Miller for the purpose of defining the appropriate coin which is to be placed in the aperture.

In regards to **Claims 1-6, 11-17, 22-32, 35, 40-42, and 44-67**, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate any desired indicia on the cover, sheet or caps, since it would only depend on the intended use of the assembly and the desired information to be displayed. Further, it has been held that when the claimed printed matter is not functionally related to the substrate it will not distinguish the invention from the prior art in terms of patentability. Also, in the present case, there appears to be no new or unobvious structural relationship between the printed matter and the substrate. Therefore, it would have been obvious to incorporate any desired indicia in the Hilicki et al et al reference as a means to increase its display and marketability.

In regards to **Claims 43 and 68**, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the covers with any desired material, since it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known material on

the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of obvious design choice. Applicant has not disclosed that a particular material incorporated in covers is critical to his invention and the invention would equally as well with the material of Hilicki et al et al's cover or any alternative material as desired by an end user.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Response to Arguments

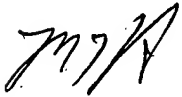
7. Applicant's arguments filed on May 3, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument's that the prior art does not disclose placing the coin receivable apertures in the exterior of at least one of the covers, the examiner submits that the Hunt is now cited for disclosing an aperture on an exterior and interior cover of a book.

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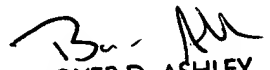
Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark T. Henderson whose telephone number is (571) 272-4477, and informal fax number is (571) 273-4477. The examiner can be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00AM to 3:45PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner Supervisor, Boyer Ashley, can be reached at (571) 272-4502. The formal fax number for TC 3700 is (571) 273-8300.



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